







# New Spring Style Hats

Now Ready...



All the new prevailing shades in Soft and Stiff Hats, spring 1899.

**KNOX Soft and Derby HATS**  
Spring Blocks Now Here.

Our new shapes in Fedora, in Pearl Browns, Nutra Manila Beaver, Otter, Mahogany, Mocha.

ALL THE NEW PREVAILING SHADES.

Men's Fine Imported Crush Hats.  
New Spring Style Caps.

Will soon be ready to show our  
**New Spring Suits and Overcoats...**

**OTTENHEIMER & CO.,**

The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

MASONIC TEMPLE BLOCK.

**The ARCADE.**

...Sale of Domestic...

Our great sale of Mill Remnants is still going on and the values given are unmistakable. The great success of this sale last week is a sure indication of the values offered.

**8c Bleached Muslin, yd 4 1/2c.**

Full yard wide bleached muslin, same weight as Wamsutta, extra good for all purposes, made to sell at 8c yd. Mill remnants, yard, 4 1/2c.

**Yard wide Percales yd 5c.**

The balance of the mill ends of the yard wide Percales that were put on sale last week, worth up to 10c and 12 1/2c. Mill remnants only this week 5c yd.

**10c Drilling, yd 5c.**

Mill ends of unbleached drilling, used for pockets, waisters and butcher's aprons and scores of other purposes, mill everywhere at a yard 10c. Mill ends a yard 5c.

**Yard wide Muslin, yd 3 1/2c.**

We have just received a bale of good unbleached muslin, bought before the recent advance in cottons good values at 5c, a yard 3 1/2c.

**Pillow Cases, 5c.**

Made of good bleached muslin, size 42x36—you could not buy the muslin for the price, each 5c.

**Pillow Cases, 10c.**

Made of superfine bleached muslin, 46x36 inches, hemmed and ready for use, each 10c.

**Bleached Sheets, each 39c.**

Made of good bleached sheeting, hemmed and ready for use; size 72x90; sheeting would cost 20c a yard in the piece; sheet 39c.

**Clothing Department Specials.**

**Old Knee Pants 17c.**

One big lot of old knee pants, in 50 different patterns, worth up to 35c a pair, choice of the lot, pair 17c.

**Boys' Old Suits 75c.**

We have sold out and broken many lines of boys' suits and we want to close out the old suits before the spring goods arrive and we have put them all in one lot, suits that were marked from \$1.25 to \$1.50, size 4 to 10 years, 15 styles and patterns, now suit, 75c.

**Linen Collars 5c.**

The broken lots of collars for men, many styles, only the sizes in each style are broken. If we can fit you the saving to you is at least half at each 5c.

**New Collars 10c.**

We have just received a shipment of the latest style of collars for men. These goods are four-ply, all double stitched, in standing, lay down and roll styles, the new round corner standing collar, none better sold at 15c, here 10c.

**Jewelry Novelties.**

**Sterling Silver Lace Pins.**

We have just received a line of solid sterling silver lace pins, in fancy solid, both with sets and plain, figures, both with sets and plain, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c.

**Beauty Pins 1c.**

Beauty Pins in several styles, black and gold color, set usually at 3 for 10c, now each 1c.

**Cyrene Bead Chains.**

Our line of Cyrene bead chains to close, the \$1.25 line now 50c; the 75c goods now offered at 38c.

**Jeweled Side Combs 25c.**

Side Combs, mounted in brilliant, pair 25c.

**Jeweled Pompadour Combs, 25c.**

New Jeweled Pompadour Combs, mounted with brilliant, each 50c and 25c.

**Jeweled Back Combs**

Rich and elegant hair ornaments, in the newest and best shapes, daintily and prettily set with brilliant, 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

**Silver Thimbles, 15c.**

Solid Silver Thimbles, all sizes, set everywhere at 25c and up, here, each 15c.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE W. STOKES as a candidate for assistant supervisor, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce FRANK W. HAIKES as a candidate for collector, subject to the action of the Republican township committee.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Smokes the Little Joker—5 cent cigar Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on my goods. Collateral, best rates, mch23-tf

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

You pay a little more for the clothes that Deaz makes but—

The Riverside club will meet with Mrs. Smith of Lincoln avenue on Wednesday afternoon.

California fruits at Gleason's, 145 East Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver White celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage with a family gathering on Sunday. Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. O. White and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. White of Blue Mound.

What's the secret of happy, vigorous health? Simply keeping the bowels, the stomach, the liver and kidneys strong and active. Burdock Blood Bitters does it. Sold by all druggists.

Man can not choose his duties.—George Eliot.

Before having your rooms papered call at W. C. Pluck & Son's and see their line of wall paper, 109 East North street.—6-dime

Three board of the North Main street Woman's Exchange will serve dinner and supper in the vacant store room on East Main street on Saturday, March 11. The dinner was announced for March 4, but has been postponed.

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

The Misses Anna Strohm and Ida Voorhies will entertain the Euchre club at the home of the latter on Friday evening.

Mr. Kempshall of Maroa has a novel violin on exhibition at the Lutz music house. It is made entirely of leather and the first one, so far as is known, to be made of this material.

Scald head is an excema of the scalp—very severe sometimes, but it can be cured. Doan's Ointment, quick and permanent if its results. At any drug store, 50 cents.

## Spring.

As spring approaches I wish to call your attention to the fact that I am prepared to do painting, papering, kalsomining and in fact anything in the decorative line better than ever at reasonable prices. W. H. Spence. Telephone (new) office 637, residence (new) 616.—23-dtf

## Will be Released.

Albert McKinnay, the young man was arrested and held at the county jail because it was believed that he was insane, will be released. Dr. Wilhelm and Dr. Dinges examined the man and say that he is not crazy. Today he appeared to have entirely recovered from his seeming insanity.

## P. B. & E. Change in Time.

Attention is called to the fact that the Sunday train on the P. E. and E. railway, which has heretofore left Decatur at 7:20 a. m., has been changed and now leaves at 6:45 a. m.—25-6t

## Now at Hot Springs.

John Perl is now at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He left Decatur to go with a party of men to Port Arthur, Texas, in the hope of being relieved of rheumatism with which he has been suffering. On reaching Texarkana, John was suffering greatly and he went from there to Hot Springs, where he will remain until he is relieved.

## In a Hurry?

Stir Some

**Grape-Nuts**

In some Milk or Cream

and a delicious meal

is ready.

No cooking required.

**READY COOKED FOOD.**

A Great Convenience for Housekeepers.

Two young ladies in a certain city are employed down town and rent a small flat, where they do light housekeeping. Frequently they are invited out evenings, and the subject of the evening meal is a puzzle.

Of late they have solved the problem by keeping some nice rich milk or cream in the ice box and a package of dry crisp Grape-Nuts nearby.

In thirty seconds the meal is ready and it is a most fascinating meal too, for the creamy taste blends with the peculiar delicate sweet of the grape-sugar in the Grape-Nuts producing a never-to-be-forgotten flavor. The sustaining power of the food is sufficient to keep one well nourished even when a small amount is used.

Call at the Exhibit at the Indoor County Fair of the Hoffman Agency Co., and investigate the quality of Grape-Nuts and Food.

## ATHLETIC CONTEST

Held Last Evening at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms by Gymnasium Classes.

At the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening the members of the gymnasium classes held an athletic contest under the direction of Prof. Hoteling. The work of the young men showed that they had been well trained. The first four of eight events took place last night. The next contest will take place on April 1. To the one receiving the highest number of points from all of the contests will be given a gold medal, to the next highest a silver medal and the third highest a bronze medal.

The points given are for bar snap, two points for every inch above 3 feet 10 inches bar vault, 4 points for every inch above 4 feet; broad jump, 2 1/2 points for every inch above 6 feet 3 inches; high jump, 4 points for every inch above 3 feet 6 inches.

Following are the scores made last evening:

	Bar snap.	Vault	High Jump.	Low Jump.	T
Skelly....	85 1/2	120	73 1/2	80	359
Spies....	125	88	73 1/2	80	366 1/2
Bear....	77	88	80 1/2	64	291 1/2
Covington.	85	104	53 1/2	64	301 1/2
Olor....	40	64	51 1/2	72	227 1/2
Lanham....	85	80	40 1/2	56	251 1/2
Myers....	61	0	20	32	113

In the contest Spies carried off the first honors; Skelly second; Covington third; Bear fourth.

## LETTER LIST.

List of Unclaimed Letters Remaining in the postoffice at Decatur for the week ending Feb. 23, 1899. If called for please say "advertised."

## GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Berry, Sannie  
Brewer, D. A.  
Coiby, Ned  
Davis, W. M.  
Draper, J. S.  
Egan, M.  
Gray, J. G.

## LADIES' LIST.

Addington, Mrs. M. Hanes, Mrs. H. F. Buskay, Mrs. D. A. McDaniel, Mrs. S. Casey, Birdie Stone, Irene Cochran, Mrs. May Thayer, Mrs. E. A. Groves, Sallie Warren, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jr.

## FIRMS.

Agt. Merchants' Despatch Transportation Co.  
A. J. Warren & Co.

## FOREIGN.

Gardner, C. J.  
Sigler, R. A. Con Co.

## PACKAGES.

Bomer, John  
McConnell, Samuel  
W. F. CALHOUN, P. M.

## SOME GOOD HORSES.

J. B. Borroughs Brought Three Fine Animals From Lexington, Ky.

A few days ago J. B. Burrows brought three fine colts from Lexington, Ky. One colt is a particularly fine animal and is a half brother to Joe Patchen, the two minute horse. He was foaled in 1893 and was bred by R. G. Stoner, one of the prominent Kentucky horsemen. The colt is sired by Patchen Wilkes, the sire of Joe Patchen; dam, Lady Ethel (3) 2:24, by Baron Wilkes, 2:18; second dam, Princess Ethel, dam of three in the list. It will be seen by the above pedigree that the colt is exceptionally well bred, being a cross of the Baron Wilkes and Patchen Wilkes stock. Mr. Burrows thinks that he will have a fine animal when the colt develops. He also brought two fine young mares by Baron Wilkes.

## COUNTERFEITER ARRESTED.

Claims Decatur as His Home but is Not Known in the City.

The following telegram appeared in the Chicago Tribune today:

Guthrie, Ok. T., Feb. 27.—John McFadden of Decatur, Ill., was arrested and put in the United States jail tonight, charged with counterfeiting. He had \$600 of counterfeit \$10 bills on his person when arrested.

The police do not know of anyone who ever lived here by the name of McFadden and the name is not given in the directory. It is most likely that a mistake was made and that the man is from Decatur in some other state.

## Astrich is Better.

Mr. Astrich, the German who was hit on the head with a shovel by William Bolts at the Wabash round house a few days ago, and who has been confined to his bed as a result of the injury received, is better this morning. He has been in a rather critical condition. He seems to know perfectly well what the physicians say but his family says he "talks just like he was drunk all the while." The physicians have not been able to determine the exact extent of his injuries but think he will recover. The drum of his left ear is burst and this will probably be the extent of his permanent injuries. Drs. Parrish and Hostetler, the Wabash physicians, are attending him.

## Will Meet Friday.

The members of the board of trustees of the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' Home, located at Normal, Ill., will hold a meeting at that place next Friday. Judge Cochran of Sullivan is one of the board. Recently Major McCauley was made superintendent of the home to take the place of Colonel Clements, who was given an appointment at the old soldiers' home at Danville.

Each makes us, and not we it—

## MEET IN DECATUR

Illinois State S. S. Association Convention

IN THIS CITY MAY 16 TO 18

About 700 Delegates Will be in Attendance—A. H. Mills Received an Acceptance to the Invitation Today.

The convention of the Illinois State Sunday School Association will be held in Decatur on May 16 and 18. An invitation to hold the convention in this city was accepted today.

When the Sunday school institute was held here about a week ago it was decided to invite the state association to Decatur and A. H. Mills was made chairman of a preliminary committee and authorized to extend the invitation. He wrote to B. F. Jacobs, the chairman of the state executive committee, and today received an acceptance of the invitation. The convention will be held May 16 to 18 and not May 9 to 11 as was at first understood. A later date was decided upon as at that time most of the country public schools will be closed and the pupils and teachers will have a better opportunity to attend the convention. Mr. Mills has replied to Mr. Jacobs' letter stating that Decatur would be prepared to entertain the visitors and thanked him for accepting the invitation.

The convention will bring to the city about 700 delegates and the sessions will be held at the First Presbyterian church. The delegates will be entertained largely in the homes of our people.

## PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Lewis Race returned Sunday from Chicago.

—S. M. Lutz is confined to his home by an attack of the grip.

—The little daughter of Charles Mapes is ill.

—M. V. B. Kenney and son Ray. Mound have returned from a visit with relatives at Bloomington.

—The children of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Launing of 320 Central avenue are ill with grip.

—Mrs. Lucy Bell of Mt. Zion is the guest of her nephew of East Prairie street.

—J. L. Black of Seymour is the guest of his brother, Attorney W. H. Black.

—Mrs. J. G. Flint has been called to Normal by the illness of her daughter Myrtle.

—Attorney J. M. Clokey left yesterday for a business visit of four days in Henry county. He will look after his farming interests.

—Miss Jennie B. Taylor has returned from a visit of six weeks with relatives at Urbana, Ohio.

—Mrs. Arthur Smith returned yesterday from a visit of 10 days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Cummings of Farmer City.

—Walter McNeal of Springfield visited Decatur friends last evening and saw the DeWolf Hopper performance.

—Messrs. Frank and Edward Powers have returned from a visit of two months in Denver, Col.

—Mrs. Frank P. Wells left yesterday for a two month's stay at Miami, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Culver and family, who are at Miami are greatly enjoying their visit.

—Miss Gertrude Alsop has returned to her home at Leroy, after a visit with Mrs. Joseph Murphy of South Main street.

—Mrs. B. K. Harrison, head of the Linn & Scruggs millinery department returned last evening from a stay of two weeks in New York in the interest of her business.

An Honest Medicine for L. Grippe. George W. Waitt, of South Gardner Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50 cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

When a man loses faith in humanity he hits himself a solar-plexus blow.

A PURE SHAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

**DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**

Awarded Highest Honors, World's Fair Gold Medal, Philadelphia 1876

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

### GET GOOD MEN.

Eds. Republican.—Your editorial of last evening in which you mention the importance of having a good council to administer the affairs of our city, seems to me to strike the nail squarely on the head. It certainly furnishes good, wholesome food for the reflection and immediate action of every good citizen of Decatur, no matter with what political party he affiliates.

A good business council of 14 with an objectionable mayor is much more preferable than a good mayor and a bad, reckless council of 14 members.

The citizens of each ward should see to it that their very best business men are nominated for alderman and that they are elected.

The mayor of a city stands in about the same relation to the council as the president does to the Congress of the United States. The chief aim of the two leading political parties of the nation is to have a majority of congressmen represent them and their principles in the halls of Congress. This should be the aim in all councils.

The people should hold the party in power responsible for the administration of affairs. If the party in power fails to do its duty then the people should call them to a day of reckoning. This is the only logical way of running any republican form of government, whether national or city.

Every citizen has a duty to perform on primary election day and that duty is to go to the polls and vote for the very best men for the various offices to be filled. There should not be a single "stay at home voter" in the city when primary election day comes to select candidates for alderman to represent them in the city council.

If the good citizen stays at home and unfit men are nominated he is to blame and should not be heard to roar about corrupt politics in our city councils.

### A PRIMARY VOTER.

## COUNTY NEWS.

### MAROA.

Nat Brodgen has returned to Maroa. G. L. Miller has purchased the livery barn of S. H. Covant and will move it to the lots back of where the barn now stands.

Dr. Will Barnes was in Maroa Thursday in consultation with Dr. Weyl in the case of Mrs. W. R. Biddle.

J. C. Asbury has moved to the Spooner farm south of town.

Rev. Preston Wood of Jacksonville preached at the M. E. church Sunday.

Frank Cooper wife and daughter, spent Sunday with Maroa relatives.

Oliver Peck and Miss Josie May of Emery were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's father, Ed May. Mrs. Clint May and daughter, Miss Nellie, attended the wedding.

Edison's cineograph was shown at the opera house Saturday evening.

On account of the rain there were not as many in attendance as would have been had it not rained. The pictures were shown again Monday evening.

S. C. Corwell of Bloomington was in Maroa Thursday.

Jim Wikoff is very sick. Dr. Chenoweth of Decatur was called to see him Saturday.

There were no services at the Presbyterian and Christian churches Sunday evening. The transformer had burned out and they had no light.

There were five additions at the Methodist church Sunday.

Ed Moore, section foreman of the Vandalia, who recently purchased the Malone property moved his family here Monday.

Miss Grace Fry has returned to Maroa. She is stopping with Mrs. Thomas Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Wikoff have returned from a visit to Indiana.

The Washington anniversary entertainment by the Maroa school, given at the opera house Friday evening, was good and well attended.

Roy Moyer visited his sister, Miss Anna Moyer in Decatur Sunday.

### BLUE MOUND.

The combination sale which was advertised for February 25 was postponed on account of bad weather, until March 17.

J. Ehlers of Stonington was seen on our streets Saturday.

S. B. Waru has found the horse and buggy that was stolen from his barn Friday, February 17.

David Hunter of Stonington was in this city on business Saturday.

J. Morgenstain has moved on the James Blair farm, two and one-half miles south of town.

Mr. Belmont of Spring has moved into the Mrs. Gross farm, one mile south and one and one-half miles west of town.







### OLD TRAPPERS DYING OUT.

What this country needs is a few  
 million heathens to do a little mis-  
 chief in our large cities.

Sorrow is the mere rust of the soul.  
Activity will cleanse and brighten it.

Both the wily liveryman and the bloated bondholder use cutters in the accumulation of wealth.

No inheritance can supply the want of a virtuous education.—Thomas Wilson.

Sold by A. J. Bissin, 239 North Water  
St., Decatur, Ill.

—PRICES—25c, 50c 75c. and \$1.00—  
Sale of Post-opens at the Opera House Wed  
days on Thursday morning.

Sold by W. J.





# Novelties For Spring.

## SASH AND STOCK CLASPS In Large Variety.

As the Styles and Patterns are being produced in many ways we do not undertake to illustrate them. We are receiving New Styles almost every day in Imported French Designs. We have a fine assortment in Fancy Enamels, enameled with Jewels, Cut Steel Ornaments, Open Work in Gun Metal Color, Gilt and Silver Finish, as well as the very popular French Gray, varying in price from 50c to \$8.00 each—all made strong for good service as well as style.

Inspect our line, which is by far the Largest and Closest Priced in the city.

## FRANK CURTIS,

Successor to OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

150 EAST MAIN STREET, : : DECATUR, ILL.

## Better Hurry Up.

Such opportunities not always to be had and don't last long. Get the following while they last.

Hanan & Son's Double Sole Enamel Bals, Regular \$5.00 grade reduced to \$4.00.

Hanan & Son's Double Sole Winter Tan Bals, regular \$5.00 grade, now \$4.00.

Hanan & Son's Ladies' Hand Welt and Hand Turned, Black Vici Kid Lace Shoes, were \$5.00, now \$4.00.

There is nothing in the world equals a HANAN SHOE. Better come while they last.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 EAST MAIN STREET.

## Graphophone Records—

We have just received several hundred select new records for the graphophone.

These are of extra fine quality and you will do well to get a few from this lot.

DECATUR GUN CO.

## Hair Brush

SALE—  
This Week.

WEST'S  
DRUG  
STORE...

### LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Pictures and Frames at Melcher's Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf

All persons are born happy, but in order to continue so to the end they must die young.

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

To beautify your homes see our line of tapestry, burlaps and heavy pressed papers. W. C. Pink & Son, 108 East North street.—6-dimo

The regular monthly meeting of the Decatur Charity Board will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. William Martin, 430 West Wood street.

Too late to cure a cold after consumption has fastened its deadly grip on the lungs. Take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup while yet there is time. Sold by all druggists.

"Mr. Beane from Boston" will be seen at the Grand on Thursday evening.

You should give the C. B. Prescott music house a call if you want a Chickering or Packard piano at a bargain. No better instruments to be had.

Miss Annie Elliott, residing five miles west of Decatur, was given a surprise last evening, it being the 20th anniversary of her birth.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any drug store.

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

Fine candies at Gleason's, 143 East Prairie.

Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

### Wanted.

A girl to do housework. Apply at 733 West William street.—dtf

Millions Given Away.  
It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine, and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, druggists, and get a trial bottle for 10c. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

Sunday Excursions.  
Sunday excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip are still sold by the P. D. and E. railway, good going and returning on date of sale. Patrons should note the change in time of Sunday trains.—25-6c

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in Chicago.

Higgin Bros., the popular South Side druggists, corner 6th street and Wentworth avenue, say: "We sell a great deal of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and find that it gives the most satisfactory results, especially among children for severe colds and croup." For sale by H. W. Bell, N. L. Kroas, W. I. Hubbard.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grape-O. It is a delicious, appetizing nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it is as like the most coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grape-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1/4 as much as coffee. Brand 2c.

## HEAR MARTIN TONIGHT

At the Tabernacle.  
One of the Greatest Living Evangelists.



DR. S. M. MARTIN,  
The "California Cyclone."  
A man of wonderful platform power. A scholar, thinker, orator, gentleman, Christian! No student of his work. LECTURE THIS EVENING:  
"SPIRITUALISM—THE DEVIL IS IN IT."  
Music in charge of Prof. Lee B. Millman and his choir of 100 voices.  
Meeting for Men only next Sunday at 8 p. m.  
Services begin at 7:30 O'CLOCK SHARP TONIGHT. EVERYBODY WELCOME! COME ON TIME! Admission, 10 Cents.

## RATHBONE SISTERS

Entertain Their Friends at a Broomer Festival.

Myrtle Temple, Rathbone Sisters, gave a broomer social at their hall in the Powers building on Monday evening. There was a good attendance. The only "bloomers" in evidence were the pots of roses placed about the room. The program was offered as follows:

Piano Solo—Mr. Hammon.  
Recitation—Miss Margaret Jurgens.  
Vocal Solo—Miss Josie Epler.  
Recitation—Mrs. Norman Gouker.  
Vocal Solo—Wilbur Starling.  
Instrumental Duet—Misses Irene and Marie Weibel.

Cake Walk, "In Character"—Ed Johnson and Ben Young.

The program was followed by a dance. The ladies served ice cream and cake and oysters.

The committees were as follows:  
General Arrangements—Mrs. C. Yondorf, Mrs. J. W. Weigand and Mrs. J. E. Kincaid.

Reception—Miss Emma Weigand, Mrs. L. M. Lee, Mrs. C. Yondorf and Mrs. Fred Wimmer.

Program—Miss Maude McCune, Mrs. J. W. Weigand and Mrs. Al Lindamood.

## THE STAGE.

### MUSICAL COMEDY.

"Mr. Beane from Boston," a splendid singing comedy, will be given Thursday evening, March 4, by the Gorman Bros. Company. It is pronounced by the critics to be one of the funniest plays now before the public.

### CLAY CLEMENT.

In "A Southern Gentleman," Clay Clement's romantic drama, which comes to the Grand next Saturday night, March 6, occur these lines. They are spoken by "Madame Sterling," a grand old lady of the south, still wearing the widowhood that was brought to her 25 years before. She says:

"The true history, the heart histories of the war, has never been written. I have written one myself. It commends itself for brevity:

"Chapter I. John Henry Thompson, my brother, fell at the battle of Falls Bluff.

"Chapter II. Robert Sterling, my husband, fell at the taking of New Orleans.

"Chapter III. This is the longest chapter. Robert, James, Howard and Paul—I gave these four sons to the confederacy at Gettysburg. This is my history of the war. I have had it inscribed in marble and bound in egyptian and ivory. Anyone who wishes can read it."

"But," says courtly General Carroll, as he bows his stately head before her, "Madame, you have omitted from your history the name of the real hero."

"Joseph," she responded, as she sinks wearily back into her chair and offers her thin, pale hand, "I appreciate your compliment. I have left room for a postscript. When the time comes, you shall write it."

### At the Tabernacle.

Last evening, Dr. S. M. Martin spoke on the subject of "Hell," this address was both deep and plain in its logic. He said there was a place for future punishment for the wicked, but that we have no conjecture as to what it is. As heaven is far more glorious than the figurative language of golden streets and pearly gates, so hell is far below the same figure of a place of everlasting flames and brimstone. There is no purgatory for the purging of the soul. As an illustration he gave the description of a man who had been in the so-called purgatory. He entered heaven singing praises to his savior. When asked who his savior was he replied: "Glory and dominion to my savior, the flames of hell. Jesus Christ could not save but hell did. Glory, glory to my savior."

Nether did he believe in universal salvation for then Judas Iscariot would have been waiting for his betrayed Saviour at the gates of heaven. As true as there is a heaven for the blessed so true is there a place of everlasting punishment for the wicked.

This evening Dr. Martin will deliver a lecture on "Spiritualism," to which a small admission fee of 10 cents is charged.

### State Social.

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor society of the First Baptist church will give a state social at the church on Thursday evening. The different states will be represented by the members of the society in costume. Refreshments will be served.

### Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Bourne of 268 Wabash avenue on Monday, February 27, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis M. Reese of 748 North Monroe street on Sunday February 22, a daughter.

### Wheelmen's Club.

The members of the Wheelmen's club will hold a meeting on the evening of March 7 and at that time seven new members will be admitted. The club is preparing for a whist tournament which is to be given some time in the early part of March.

When it is necessary for ships to navigate the Chicago river then comes the tug.

## A BIG SUCCESS.

Attendance Was Large at the County Fair.

## VAUDEVILLE ENTERTAINMENT

Took Well With the Crowd—There Is a Side Show and Most Anything Else You Might Want to See.

The County Fair opened at the corn carnival building last night and if a large attendance is the promise of success the members of Goodman's band, who are giving the entertainment, could ask for nothing more. The place fairly swarmed with people all evening. The fair will be open every afternoon and evening this week. There is no charge in the afternoon and at night the admission is 10 cents.

The booths which were described in yesterday's issue of this paper, looked even more attractive in the evening than they did in the day time. Incandescent electric lights of different color were used in large numbers in the decorations and added greatly to the artistic effect of the booths. Special attractions were arranged by some of the exhibitors. At the booth of the Decatur Gun company Miss Otto gave exhibitions with the Whitley exerciser, a performance which attracted a good deal of attention. At the booth of the Heilmann Grocery Co. the visitors not only had an opportunity to feast their eyes on many good things to eat, but were allowed to go still farther and were served with refreshments. At one end of the booth hot cocoa was served free of charge and at the other end those who passed by were invited to sample some excellent gelatine.

On the first floor of the building there was music by the Goodman band. The bandmen were in full uniform and gave some of their most choice selections.

Besides the exhibits on the second floor there was the side show where many wonders are to be seen. Billy Fudge stood at the door and sold tickets and did a good business. One of the big attractions of the fair is the vaudeville. There is no extra charge for this but those who wish can spend five cents and get a reserved seat. Some very clever specialists are on the program. James McAvoy with his monologues and funny songs took well with the audience, and Miss Louise Dainty, the singing soubrette, made quite a hit. She received big applause every time she appeared, and showed herself capable of some very pretty work. Bertie Draper did some clever turns on the slack wire and in juggling and William Brown's songs were pleasing. By no means the least attractive of the vaudeville performers was Master Fred Schlatter, the trick bicyclist from Germany. The vaudeville is well worth the price of admission.

This evening the full band will be present and render music on the first floor and the vaudeville will be in progress on the second floor. There will be entertainment both places so that there will be no necessity of rushing from one floor to the other as the people did last night when they feared they would miss part of the show. In the rush last night managers forgot to have the drawing for the rocking chair. It will take place this evening, however, and everyone who purchases a ticket will have a chance at the chair.

It has now been decided to hold the parade on Wednesday afternoon if the weather is at all pleasant. The intention is to make the parade quite elaborate.

### Austin Township Wedding.

Thomas Ritchie, son of Seymour Ritchie, a prominent farmer of Macon county and Miss Alice Corn were married at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Corn of Austin township. Wednesday afternoon the parents of the groom will give a reception in honor of the couple. They will reside on a farm which the groom has rented in Austin township.

### Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Hester I. Baldwin last evening entertained the ways and means committee of the First Presbyterian church at a 6 o'clock dinner. Those present were Dr. W. H. Penhallegon, Dr. Silas E. McClelland, G. A. Stadler, George Moeller, W. H. Buffum, James A. Baldwin, Charles R. Murphy, R. P. Lytle, Robert Moeller, A. R. Montgomery, S. T. Nesbitt, R. J. Simpson and T. A. Bone.

### Trustees Named.

The members of the Turner society held a meeting on Sunday afternoon and elected trustees. Those chosen were William Bold, Fred Kipp and W. Steinbach.

## W. C. T. U.

Calendar for March—Red Letter Days in the Union.

The following is the W. C. T. U. calendar for March:

March 2—Devotional, "Burden Bearing," Gal. 5, 2-4, Mrs. A. T. Davis. Subject: Legislative work, Miss M. E. Crissey.

March 9—"The Christian's Armor," Eph. 5, 10-19, Mrs. L. M. Brown. Press Day—Special program.

March 16—How should we live to help those around us? 1 Cor. 13, Mrs. W. F. Gillmore.

Evangelistic—Mrs. L. M. Brown, Mrs. Wesley.

Larriek—Program as outlined in Union Signal of February 23.

March 18—Sunday 3:30 p. m. special program for Neal Dow Day.

March 23—Bible reading on Prohibition, Mrs. Nancy Coleman.

"A Model W. C. T. U. Woman," Mrs. R. S. Pitner, Mrs. Mary Scott.

March 30—The Great Commandment, Matthew 23, 34-41; Luke 10, 25-28.

Children's Day, in charge of Mrs. A. E. Akers.

### RED LETTER DAYS.

There are 15 special or red letter days observed by the W. C. T. U. The first in the year is January 3, "Mother's Day," it being the birthday of Madam Willard, who was the loving mother of F. E. Willard. She was a great souled woman, a wise counsellor, faithful friend and lover of humanity. February 17, the heavenly birthday of Frances Willard, appears this year for the first time on our Red Letter Day Calendar. It is not that we mourn over her death, but honor her memory, and by consecration of our efforts to carry forward the work she began and loved.

February 23, Washington's birthday, also a national holiday, inculcates patriotism.

March 1, "Union Signal" Day. The birthday of Mrs. L. W. N. Stern, editor in chief and president of National W. C. T. U. The day is set apart for special efforts in advancing the interests of the paper by securing subscriptions.

March 30, the birthday of Neal Dow, the great temperance apostle and father of prohibition and author of the Maine prohibition law.

April 2, Sabbath Observance Day, devoted to special efforts for securing the proper observance of the Sabbath.

April 21 is teachers' day, the birthday of Froebel, who is the originator of the kindergarten system.

June 9 is sacred to the memory of Jennie Cassaday, who through long years of suffering and pain was a veritable angel of mercy to the sick and unfortunate, bringing to them the gospel message of love, peace, of hope and comfort, through the medium of a tiny bunch of flowers—hence "Flower Mission Day."

July 4th, national holiday, is the birthday of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, the originator of scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.

July 21 is Loyal Temperance Legion Day and birthday of Anna A. Gordon, Miss Willard's private secretary and close friend. Her work is largely among the children and it is fitting that her birthday should be celebrated by the L. T. L.'s of our land.

August 3, Fresh Air Day, is in honor of Lady Henry Somerset, whose thought originated the outings of the children from the slums to the country to enjoy God's pure air and love of our Father's goodness from trees and flowers.

September 22, the World's W. C. T. U. day, in honor of our first round the world missionary, Mary Clement Leavitt, who was the first to carry the white ribbon around the world.

September 28, birthday of Frances E. Willard is Children's Harvest Home and Membership Day—special efforts for increase of membership.

December 19, Peace Day. Prayer for "peace on earth and good will to men."

December 23 is Crusade Day, in honor of those consecrated women who with a courage born of God went forth from the sacred precincts of their homes to fight the demons with the weapons of faith and prayer. The W. C. T. U. is observing Crusade Day by celebrating its own birthday.

### Walter Shade's Waltz.

Walter B. Shade has composed a new waltz known as the "Moral Waltz." The music has just been published by a St. Louis house and is presented in a very attractive form. It is the first music that Walter has ever published and promises to be popular. He composed it during the summer term last summer. The composition is dedicated by the young author to his mother, Mrs. W. P. Shade, and Miss Louise Hartman of St. Louis.

### Vote on Members.

Hereafter when new members are admitted to Company H it will be done by ballot. Formerly the captain admitted the men but now the members of the company will have a voice in the matter.

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